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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Andreas Walder

Application No.: 09/082,309

Filed: May 20, 1998

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION

OF EXPANDABLE PLASTICS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner:

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 1999 for 2 (two) months, from March 3, 2000 to May 3, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Continuing Prosecution Application with Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$380.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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